

July 21, 1958

Dr. D. H. Nucker  
High Commissioner, Trust  
Territory of the Pacific Islands  
P.O. Box 542  
Agana, Guam

Dear Dr. Nucker:

With your permission, a second ecological survey of Rongelap Atoll is to be made August 12-24, 1958. The Aloto from the Eniwetok Test Site is the vessel assigned.

University of Washington personnel will be: Professors Kelshaw Bonham, Stanley P. Gessel, Edward E. Held (in charge), Frank Richardson, Richard B. Walker, and Messrs. Gary R. Baker, Dale W. Cole, Ronald Eisler, Timothy Joyner, Reid M. Kenady, Jr., and James D. Kimmel.

The present plans are to spend about five days at Rongelap Island, two days at Eniwetok Island, and five days at Kabelle Island.

Dr. Lauren R. Donaldson has written that at a meeting at Majuro with Mr. Maynard Neas on July 11, Mr. Neas suggested that Mr. MacKenzie and one other Trust Territory representative accompany the survey group. We hope that they will be able to do so.

It would be very helpful if the services of two or three of the Rongelapese could be secured to help in collecting samples during the survey. Also, we should like to arrange to have one man change charts at weekly intervals on meteorological instruments to be left at Rongelap until next spring. The people have been most cooperative in such matters, but rather than continue to impose on their good nature we should like to pay them for their services. If this is permissible, what should the rates of pay be and through whom should the arrangements be made?

Sincerely yours,

Edward E. Held  
Res. Asst. Professor

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